

# Choctaw Chief: Baptist Humanitarian

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Work with Indians was the first concern of organized home missions in the Southern Baptist Convention. This year the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions earmarks \$2,600,000 for language missions — including the Choctaws of Mississippi.

Perhaps you have already met Martha and Dolton Haggan, Baptist missionaries who work with the Choctaws. There's another you ought to meet — the chief of the Choctaws himself.

For the first time in 145 years, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians last year directly elected their Tribal Chief. Instead of being chosen from the Tribal Council as had been a long-time custom, Calvin Isaac was selected by popular vote. The new chief is one of 1200 Baptists among the state's 4,000 Choctaws. His father, B. D. Isaac, was a Baptist pastor for nearly fifty years, from 1927

until his death last year.

You can meet the chief, for he says, "If any church wants me to come and talk about the Choctaws, I will be glad to do so." He might not be wearing his tribal dress, unless you especially request it, for he usually saves that for parades and festivals, but he would talk to any group, large or small, to a young people's retreat or other gathering.

Calvin Isaac, Christian layman, teacher and humanitarian, has become a leader of his people at a time of transition. The Haggans pointed out, "A new day has begun for the Mississippi Choctaw Indians, with better education available, better jobs and better housing. In the thirteen Choctaw Baptist churches we are observing, better trained leaders, improved organization and more financial responsibility. Bible study groups on week nights and a

weekly ministry at the Choctaw Hospital and at the Choctaw Jail are some of the efforts of the Choctaw people themselves to share God's Word with other Choctaws who don't or can't come to the church buildings."

Isaac first became a member of Canaan Baptist Church in Leake County when he was thirteen; he was baptized in a creek near Edinburg. At Canaan he is Sunday School director, church secretary, and pianist, and has also been song leader. "I began playing the piano at Canaan when I was ten," he said, "and have been their pianist most of the time since." His father was pastor at Canaan for many years. Like Anderson is the pastor now.

"Why did I want to become chief?" he asked. "It is the highest honor my people could give. I would not overlook that, and I am grateful. In this job I can serve my people in a broader way. As

an educator I could only help them in the realm of education, but as chief I can work for them in health, employment, education, recreation, and in other areas. It is my hope thus to improve the reservation so that life will be meaningful to all the Choctaw people."

Too, he expressed concern for their spiritual welfare. He said, "Many of the Choctaws need to know spiritual change. We who are Christians should share our Christian beliefs. If I tell people I know the Lord, I must also show in my life that I know him. When you live the life of a Christian, people will see it and will respect you for it."

Later Mrs. Haggan told me, "When he makes a speech, he does not hesitate to say, 'I know the Lord,' and to speak out for Him." She added, "I can think of no better descriptive term for him than 'Christian gentleman.'"



Photo courtesy of Choctaw Community News.

Proof that his people admire and respect him came during the election last summer. He spent no money on his political campaign — gave out no posters or brochures, inserted no ads in newspapers, though he did speak at rallies and other political meetings. He said, "The people know me and if they want me, they will vote for me." He was elected for four years and says, "I would work... for my fellow Choctaws for the next 8, 12, 16, 20, and yes, 24 years, until the year 2000."

Isaac was the first Choctaw to earn a graduate degree. After early education at Pearl River School and graduation from Meridian High School he earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University and a master's degree in elementary education from Mississippi State. He is working on his doctorate in education administration. His half-brother, Edwin, a soldier in World War II, was his boyhood hero: "Edwin, more than

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## Ninety-Seventh Annual Meeting Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi

THEME: "Freedom to Be..."  
**First Baptist Church**  
Gulfport, Mississippi  
March 22-24, 1976

Monday night, 7:00 p.m.

### FREEDOM TO BE CHRISTIAN CITIZENS

Hymns of Praise	R. L. and Beth Sigrest
Prayer	Mrs. A. T. Walker
Meditation	Mrs. Len Sehested
Greetings from First Baptist Church	Dr. John Traylor
Business	
Medley of Patriotic Melodies	Sanctuary Choir

OUR HERITAGE AS AMERICAN CITIZENS Rev. Frank Pollard  
Hymns of Praise The Sigrests  
THE FUTURE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS Mrs. Byran Brasington  
Benediction Mrs. Rothell Blackledge

Tuesday morning, 9:30 a.m.

### FREEDOM TO BE COMMISSIONED DISCIPLES

Hymns of Praise	The Sigrests
Meditation	Mrs. Sehested
HIS DISCIPLE IN BRAZIL	Mrs. Bill Moseley

#### SPECIAL GUESTS:

Parents of Mississippi Missionaries  
Prayer of Appreciation Mrs. Paul Vandercook  
HIS DISCIPLES IN GHANA Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis  
MISSIONS ON THE GULF COAST J. W. Brister  
Hymns of Praise The Sigrests  
Offertory Prayer Mrs. Richie Perkins  
Offering  
HIS DISCIPLES IN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION  
Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory  
Benediction Mrs. James Burns

### LUNCHEON HONORING PARENTS OF MISSIONARIES

Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 p.m.

### FREEDOM TO BE WOMEN IN TODAY'S WORLD

Hymns of Praise	The Sigrests
Meditation	Mrs. Sehested
MISSIONARY ISLANDERS	Antonina Canzoneri
Round Table Book Club	Mrs. Guy Henderson
LIVING IN TROUBLED AREAS	Ethel McKelthen
	Dr. & Mrs. R. C. McGlamery
	Georgia Mae Ogburn
	Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams

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## Groundbreaking Scheduled

# Mississippi College Plans \$1.5 Million Coliseum

CLINTON — Mississippi College will hold groundbreaking ceremonies March 18, at 1:30 p.m. for its new \$1.5 million multi-purpose coliseum.

The ceremony will take place on the site for the building on Capitol Street located on the west side of the campus in the new

athletic complex. Dr. John Legg, chairman of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee and professor of chemistry, will preside. The public is invited.

Dr. Legg, who also serves as chairman of the Coliseum Building Committee, will issue the official welcome, while Dr. R. A. McManore, president emeritus of the college, will deliver a prayer of thanksgiving. Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president, will introduce special guests.

Special remarks concerning the coliseum and its usefulness to the overall Mississippi College pro-

gram will be given by John M. Williams, director of athletics, and by Dr. Legg. The facility will not only be used for intercollegiate athletics, but also for various other college functions such as graduation, lyceum programs, and special assemblies.

Joining Dr. Nobles, Dr. Legg, and Coach Williams in the actual groundbreaking ceremony will be T. M. Hederman Jr., of Jackson, chairman of the colleges Board of Trustees; Harry Vickery, Greenville, president of the Alumni Association; Dr. Bob May, Jackson, president of the Booster Club; and

Eddie Graves, Ripley, president of the Student Body Association.

The closing prayer will be delivered by the Rev. William S. Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eupora and a member of the Board of Trustees.

The coliseum will be a domed type structure and the first of its type in the state. It will accommodate more than 8,500 for basketball and approximately 4,500 for other events.

Architects are Biggers, Biggers, and Associates of Jackson and Ray James and Associates of Ada, Okla.

## Mississippi Men's Organization Has Enrollment Gains

Brotherhood enrollment in the Southern Baptist Convention climbed to 476,002 in 1975, a jump of 15,289, as twenty-two state Baptist conventions, including Mississippi, showed increases.

Brotherhood enrollment in Mississippi reached 22,948, an increase of 1,074.

Other state conventions with increases were Alabama, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, New Mexico, New

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## Mississippi Missionaries Fill Bangladesh Need

DACCA, Bangladesh (BP) — When the James E. Youngs, a missionary family, returned here after a furlough they felt the contrast between the world's richest nation, the United States, and Bangladesh, the poorest.

As they walked toward the microbus awaiting them at the Dacca airport, "just 25 feet away," Mrs. Young said, "we were bombarded by beggars. One was blind. Another was a starved-looking child led by a mother in tattered clothes. None of them wore shoes, each had a

matted wad of hair — they weren't play-acting."

The tragic conditions in Bangladesh that contribute to her poverty — her small size, many people, natural disasters, war — contribute to discouragement.

"After the terrible flooding in 1974, we missionaries nearly wanted to quit. But we couldn't. Matthew 25:35 (New Testament) wouldn't let us," Mrs. Young quoted: "For I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was thirsty and ye gave me drink."

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## Seminar Features Nine Senators And Representatives

WASHINGTON (BP)—Nine U. S. Senators and Representatives are among politicians, educators, and religious leaders who have accepted invitations to address a national seminar on Christian Citizenship '76, sponsored here March 22-24 by the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission.

President Gerald R. Ford also has been invited but has not yet been able to confirm whether his schedule will permit him to speak.

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## Mission Education Dialogues Scheduled In Mississippi

A project to introduce mission activities for men and boys in 1,500 Southern Baptist churches and to enlist 40,000 men and boys in Brotherhood work during the next two years has been launched by the Brotherhood Commission.

At least 30 state Baptist conventions are participating in the missions and ministry project known as Mission Education Dialogues, said Bob Banks, executive assistant for planning and promotion at the Commission.

Working through their Brotherhood departments, 18 state conventions agreed to sponsor the project in 1976 and four in 1977. Five others are in the process of selecting dates. Three have already completed it.

Currently there are 476,577 men and boys enrolled in Brotherhood work in almost 15,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Goal of the project is to increase the number of men and boys to 525,000 and the number of churches with Brotherhood work to 18,000.

Basically, the project calls for pastors and other church staff members in every association in a state to discuss with association

and state Brotherhood leaders their interests and needs for involving their men and boys in missions.

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## Baptist Medical Center Receives JCAH Accreditation

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center has been given another two-year accreditation by the national Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, according to Paul J. Pryor, executive director of the center.

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## Bangham Joins Program List For Renewal Clinic

William Bangham of Washington, D. C. has been added to the list of program personalities for the Lay Renewal Leadership Training Clinic March 19-20 in Hattiesburg at South 28th Avenue Baptist Church.

Bangham is affiliated with George Washington University and is the author of "Journey Into Small Groups."

He will lead a conference on group dynamics on Saturday morning.

Other personalities on the pro-

gram are Emory Wallace, president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, DeBidder, and David Haney of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

Mississippians on the program will be Sidney Ellis of Greenville, J. T. Gilbert of Jackson, Vondell Graham of Moss, Grant and Velma Shipp and Davis Sumrall of Ocean Springs, Carl Swanson of Biloxi, Angeline Benson of Laurel, and Paul Harrell of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. March 19 and conclude at noon on March 20. Rev. Jim Nunnelee is the host pastor.



### Doctrinal Conference Leaders

Doctrinal Conference leaders for the Mississippi Baptist Bicentennial Bible Conference March 29-30 are shown above. These conferences will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, left, Jackson, will lead the conference on the Atonement. Dr. Ray Robbins, second from left, New Orleans Seminary, will lead

the conference on Justification. Dr. Scott Tatum, center, Southwestern Seminary, will lead the conference on the Priesthood of all Believers. Dr. James L. Sullivan, second from right, Nashville, will lead the conference on Perseverance. Dr. J. Terry Young, New Orleans Seminary, will lead the conference on Sanctification.



## Use Of Missionaries

Public Affairs Body  
Protests CIA Efforts

By Stan L. Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — At its semi-annual meeting here, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs adopted a statement on the advocacy role of the agency, protested the use of some American missionaries overseas by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and honored its late executive director, C. Emanuel Carlson.

In other actions, the governing board of the Washington-based agency adopted a record budget for the 1978-79 fiscal year, instructed its nominating committee to propose more women as officers, and asked its staff to undertake studies of transcendental meditation (TM), the Unification Church, and the institutional chaplaincy.

The committee also heard Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D-Minn.) deplore "the lies and misrepresentations" that are being circulated about the Child and Family Services Act as well as the Youth Camp Safety Act. He appealed to the committee, not for endorsement of these bills, but for help toward an honest dialogue in discussing them. Earlier the Joint Committee had alerted its constituency to avoid being misled by the misrepresentations.

Mondale said misrepresentations of the Child and Family Services Act, for example, include groundless charges that it will substitute government for parents in rearing children, will take children away from parents not doing a good job, will prevent parents from teaching children about God, will include a charter of children's rights, and will remove parents' rights to form their children's characters.

The Baptist Joint Committee is supported cooperatively by nine Baptist conventions and conferences in the U. S. and Canada and is charged with relating to governmental affairs as these affect the churches and their agencies and institutions. James E. Wood Jr. is the executive director.

On its role as an advocate before government, the Joint Committee adopted a policy statement which resulted from a year-long study by its executive committee and staff. The statement quotes from the agency's constitution in noting that the Joint Committee is mandated "to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interests or rights of the cooperating conventions which constitute the committee call for conference or negotiation with the government of the United States... or whenever Baptist principles are involved in, or are jeopardized through, governmental action."

In addition, the statement noted that the staff of the agency is obligated to act when asked to do so by any one of the cooperating groups or by any of their agencies and institutions.

Nevertheless, the statement also emphasized that the Joint Committee may not initiate actions on any public issue if they are "inconsistent with the officially stated positions of its... member bodies."

On the matter of CIA use of missionaries, the committee hammered out a resolution marked by a full airing of varying viewpoints. As it emerged from debate, the statement noted that CIA involvement with missionaries "may represent a violation of the First Amendment."

The resolution further called on Congress to pass legislation "that would prohibit the CIA's solicitation or recruitment of American missionaries in its activities."

A companion resolution urged Baptist mission boards and societies to "take action to prohibit this type of involvement" on the part of missionaries themselves.

The action honoring Carlson included official reception of a portrait and adoption of a statement commending his leadership as executive director during his 17-year tenure in the position, from 1954 to 1971. He died suddenly after a heart attack on February 23, in Dundee, Fla., where he and Mrs. Carlson were living in retirement.

The statement noted that "both religious and government officials found in Dr. Carlson a man of knowledge, insight, fairness, justice, and integrity whom they could consult with profit." Carlson was also described as "intellectual, scholar, thinker, analyst, seer, prophet... (but) above all a teacher who avoided partisanship and bigotry or self-seeking benefits for himself or for Baptists."

In other actions, the committee adopted a budget of \$250,500, the largest in the agency's 36-year history, and instructed its nomi-

nating committee to propose more women for its four offices. The current slate includes no women, although women have served as officers before. The Joint Committee is composed of 47 members only five of them women.

The committee also requested its Washington staff to study transcendental meditation and to report back its view as to whether the popular phenomenon "is a religion within the meaning of the First Amendment." TM has drawn fire on a number of fronts as being a "thinly disguised form of Hinduism," passing itself off as non-religious. An ad hoc coalition—the Coalition for Religious Integrity—has filed suit in federal court in New Jersey seeking removal of TM from public school systems throughout the U.S.

The staff was also asked to identify possible church-state issues an allegations that members of Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church are being harassed and even kidnapped by their parents.

Regarding the chaplaincy, the committee heard a report from Earl Trent, house counsel of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., that an American Baptist chaplain in Iowa is among those affected by a state court decision to prohibit the use of state funds for chaplaincy programs in prisons there. The committee asked its staff to remain alert to the problem and to offer assistance to groups seeking solutions to the church-state problems involved.

July 1978 Dates Set For  
Baptist Youth Conference

HONG KONG — The 9th Baptist Youth World Conference will meet July 19-23, 1978, in Hong Kong.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), made the announcement of dates after what he termed "positive, cooperative, and enthusiastic" meetings in January here with representatives of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, and the Hong Kong Hotel Association.

He said that the expected 5,000 conference participants can be accommodated in a variety of housing, ranging from hotels to dormitories and private homes.

Betty L. Smith, BWA conference coordinator, said that the conference program will feature small group discussions in the mornings, educational and sight-seeing opportunities in the afternoons, and a mass meeting in Hong Kong Stadium in the evenings. The stadium has a capacity of 28,451, with covered seating for 6,003.

The announcement of Hong Kong arrangements followed plenary sessions of the BWA World

Laymen's Bible  
Committee Honors  
Lockman Foundation

PASADENA, CALIF. (RNS) — The Laymen's National Bible Committee, in special ceremonies here, presented a 1978 Citation of Appreciation to the Lockman Foundation for its work in Bible translation.

The award cited the vision of the late F. Dewey Lockman, an Orange County citrus grower, in establishing the foundation to produce accurate translations of the Bible in modern language. Accepting the award was Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, president of the foundation.

"Before his death in 1974 he (Lockman) lived to see his vision abundantly fulfilled, for the Lockman Foundation by that time had completed 30 major projects, including Spanish and Japanese versions, the translation of the popular Amplified Bible and later, the New American Standard Bible which continues to grow in demand," the citation said.

It noted that the foundation was established in 1942 by Mr. Lockman "because of his Christian devotion and strong commitment to the Word of God."

The award was presented by C. E. Andrews, president of the A. J. Holman Publishing Company, Philadelphia, director of the interreligious Laymen's National Bible Committee, which sponsors National Bible Week. Members of the Lockman family were guests at the awards dinner, being both in Hong Kong and at a November meeting of the Execu-



## Pastoral Care Seminar

Program personalities for the annual seminar on Pastoral Care of the ill gather informally following one of the sessions. Left to right, they are Dr. James Travis, Jackson, chaplain at the University Medical Center; Mrs. James Porch, Clinton, wife of the pastor of Northside Baptist Church; Dr. James Spell, Jackson, surgeon at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; Elizabeth Johnson, public education director for the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society; and Rev. Gordon Stamburger, Jackson, chaplain at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. The subject this year was "The Ministry to the Cancer Patient," and it was the 16th of the seminars. It was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in cooperation with the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society.

Mission Education Dialogues  
Scheduled In Mississippi

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tion-wide meetings, church staff members get the opportunity to describe the degree of involvement of men and boys in missions in their churches as well as their hopes.

At the same time, the associational and state Brotherhood leaders share new concepts of Brotherhood work, materials, and other training resources church leaders can use.

The project climaxes with training Brotherhood leaders in the associations offering to help individual churches begin involving their men and boys in missions or strengthen existing Brotherhood units based upon the needs of individual churches.

Associational Brotherhood leaders will continue to check with churches periodically in the future to make sure the Brotherhood programs evolving from the project are progressing satisfactorily, Banks said.

Banks said state and national Brotherhood leaders agreed to sponsor the growth project after receiving a report that only about 45 per cent of the 35,000 churches in the SBC report their men or boys are involved in missions and that an even smaller percentage have both groups participating in missions.

Brotherhood leaders felt they needed to communicate to pastors and church educational directors the purposes, values, and details of the program of missions and ministry work for men and boys as it exists today, Banks said.

The Mission Education Dialogues in Mississippi will be Aug. 17-18 and Aug. 24-27.

## Seminar Features - -

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a Christian Life Commission spokesman said.

Senators at the annual seminar at the Statler Hilton Hotel include Edward Kennedy (D.-Mass.), speaking on "National Health Security — A National Priority;" George McGovern (D.-S.D.), "With Liberty and Justice for All;" Howard Baker (R.-Tenn.), "Elections '78: A Republican Perspective;" John Tower (R.-Tex.), "Conscience of a Conservative;" and Mark Hatfield (R.-Ore.), "Christian Citizens Confronting Civil Religion."

U. S. Representatives include Barbara Jordan (D.-Tex.), "Elections '78: A Democratic Perspective;" Les Aspin (D.-Wisc.), "The Price of Peace;" Andrew Young (D.-Ga.), also an ordained United Church of Christ minister, "The Black Experience;" and John Anderson (R.-Ill.) "Christian Conscience and Political Decisions."

Mississippi  
Missionaries - - - - -

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Young "realized that God had a special purpose" for his Mississippi farm background. He used his share of the relief money for a two-acre demonstration garden. Then he used one member from each of 35 families, working the field by hand and oxen.

At harvest time each of the 35 families received 20 loads of cabbage, 25 heads of Chinese cabbage, 16 pounds of broccoli, 80 pounds of tomatoes, 90 pounds of Irish potatoes and 100 ears of sweet corn.

"Providing physical food is not our primary reason for coming to Bangladesh," Mrs. Young said. "We are here because of the oughtness, rightness of the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20) given by our Lord. During the gardening, spiritual food was given."

"We found it hard to come to Bangladesh again. We knew too much about the place. But, we feel 'The Call' (of God) made us come back."

"The night before we were to leave the states," Mrs. Young reflected, "our six-year-old Tim surprised me with, 'This is a happy day. This is an exciting day. You know why? We go back to Bangladesh tomorrow.'"

SBC Religious Educators  
Plan Annual Session

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (BP) — Religious education specialists in the nation's largest Protestant denomination will gather at the Cavalier Hotel here, June 13-14, for the 21st annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association (SBREA).

The two-day gathering will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), June 15-17,

in Norfolk's Scope Convention Center.

Under a theme, "Freedom Through Christ," a battery of religious education experts will confront issues and challenges facing religious education, and U. S. Rep. John Buchanan (R.-Ala.), a Baptist, will speak at an SBREA luncheon at 12:30, June 14.

Program personnel include Daniel Grant, president, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; W. O. Thomason, executive vice president, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; Peter Rhea Jones, assistant professor of New Testament interpretation, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Lloyd T. Householder, manager, Church Training department, SBC Sunday School Board; Robert O. Feather, SBREA president and associate minister, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas; and William E. Young, SBREA president-elect and supervisor, children's section, Church Training department, Sunday School Board.

Six persons will discuss special issues facing religious education—singles, aging and the family. They are W. L. Howse III, director, Hurl Geronology Center, Virginia Baptist Homes, Culpeper, Va.; Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns, SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville; Britton Wood, single adult minister, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas; Barbara Siddle, director, Resources for Family Growth Project, Columbia, Md.; Merle Bassett, director of religious education, Tarrant County Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Tex.; and Elaine Dickson, supervisor, young adult section, Sunday School department, SBC Sunday School Board.

Four persons will discuss the future of religious education — S. C. Ray, minister of education and administration, First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.; Will Beal, a consultant in the church administration department, Sunday School Board; Roy Lee Williams, director, church services, Union Baptist Association, Fort Worth; and F. Lawson Pankey, director, division of teaching and training, Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond.

Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, a writer and lecturer from Buies Creek, N. C., will interpret the SBREA theme. Special music will be provided by Russell Newport, mission layman; Bill O'Brien, pastor of Lake County Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and his wife, Delanna; and The Centurymen, made up of 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music and directed by Beryl Red of New York City. The O'Briens are former SBC music missionaries to Indonesia.

The conference will close on Monday night with a performance of "The Fabric of Freedom," the Bicentennial musical of the SBC Home Mission Board. It was written by Ed Seabough and Bill Cates.

SBC Aging Home Executives  
Vote To Expand Organization

DALLAS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Association of Executives of Homes for the Aging voted here to expand its organization to be more effective in meeting the needs of growing numbers of older persons.

The group instructed its incoming officers to recommend needed changes in its organizational structure and constitution that would open the organization to all Southern Baptists who have full-time responsibilities in any ministry to the aging.

The move for expansion comes in conjunction with a new emphasis on aging services generated by the Southern Baptist Conference on Aging, which met in 1974. One of the major thrusts of the conference was to initiate the involvement of churches, associations, and state conventions in providing programs and care for the aging at a local level.

The aging home executives felt that bringing together all interested persons in one organization can greatly strengthen efforts for better care of Baptist older persons.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, keynoted the two-day meeting.

McClellan, who directed planning for the 1974 aging conference, reported on positive results of the meeting.

He cited an increased awareness by Baptists at all levels of the needs of older people; the establishment of a department of family ministries by the Sunday School Board, which has in its

plans a magazine for senior adults; the addition of courses on gerontology in Southern Baptist seminaries; more articles in Baptist publications on the needs of older persons; and the establishment of a group from the SBC Inter-Agency Council to help coordinate efforts of institutions and agencies involved in ministries to the aging.

"But even though a lot is being done," McClellan told the group, "we aren't where we want to be."

He outlined some goals that Southern Baptists, under the leadership of such groups as aging home executives, should be striving for: to be mutually supportive with other community groups in caring for the aging; to increase our sensitivity to the aging as individuals with specific needs; to dispel the theory that the aging are obsolescent; and to hold more church-related conferences and seminars to help the aging face what it means to be retired.

The executive group, which met in the facilities of Buckner Baptist Benevolence Trew-Ryburn Aging Complex in Dallas, elected Furman Kenney, administrator of the Virginia Baptist Home for the Aging, Newport News, Va., as president.

Other officers are: first vice president, R. L. Herring, administrator, Buckner Trew-Ryburn Homes for the Aging, Dallas; second vice president, Arnold Cadell, administrator, Baptist Convalescent Center, Newport, Ky.; and secretary-treasurer, James L. Barber, assistant director, department of Christian social ministries, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta.



## First, Terry Calls Coleman

First Church, Terry, announces that Rev. Wayne Coleman has been called as pastor.

He was born in Winston County and was ordained to the ministry by his home church, First, Louisville.



Mr. Coleman, graduate of Mississippi College, received the Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Previous pastors held in Mississippi include First, Natchez, First, Ruleville, and First, Oxford. He goes to Terry from Woodland Hills, Jackson, where he has served as associate pastor for two years.

He has been active in associational work wherever he has served. For six years he was a member of the Baptist Hospital Board.

He is married to the former Margaret Hood of Belzoni, and they have two daughters, Ann, a senior at Ole Miss, and Mary Leigh, a sophomore at Mississippi College.

# Relief Work In Guatemala Shifts To Rehabilitation

**GUATEMALA CITY (BP)** — Shifting from emergency relief needs to long-range rehabilitation, Southern Baptists and Guatemalan Baptists have begun construction efforts and a renewed evangelistic thrust in this devastated country.

"Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala are simply changing gears," said W. Eugene Grubbs, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board disaster relief coordinator. "They're shifting from emergency relief to rehabilitation," said Grubbs, who made a recent survey of long-range needs in Guatemala.

Rebuilding efforts are already under way. Two construction crews from Florida, totaling 34 Baptist laymen, have cleared several construction sites for Baptist pastors' homes and churches that were destroyed or damaged.

The second Florida crew began building a chapel in Escuintla, the third largest city in Guatemala (about 30 miles southwest of Guatemala City). An Illinois crew of five left March 4 to complete the chapel. More than 15 Baptist

laymen from Louisiana were to leave March 13 for two weeks of construction work.

The crews are working mainly in the rural areas until building permits and government permission can be obtained for construction inside Guatemala City. Rebuilding is being done with concrete blocks rather than the adobe bricks. Collapse of adobe walls was a major cause of injury and death during the earthquake.

According to the Guatemala Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and Grubbs, \$175,000 is needed to rebuild Baptist churches and pastors' homes. An additional \$100,000 (or \$500 per family) is needed to help 200 Baptist families who lost their homes. They recommend money be given to families in cash, specifically delegated to be used in rebuilding their homes. Each family would turn in an itemized report of how the money was used.

Grubbs said money would go further using this plan since Guatemalans can salvage some materials from their original home and possibly purchase secondhand supplies.

Baptists have been asked by the Guatemalan government to rebuild a clinic in Zone Three, one of the hardest hit areas of the city. A clinic, now operated at Bethel Baptist Church and staffed by Baptist doctors and workers, is the only medical facility in the area. The government clinic was completely destroyed.

Although the clinic Baptists have been asked to build would be a government clinic, officials said some indication it was built by Baptists could be placed on the building.

The Bethel Baptist Church clinic is where emergency Baptist medical work in Guatemala is concentrated. Other areas are receiving adequate medical care through government clinics and hospitals and relief efforts of other groups, according to Grubbs.

Dr. Lee Baggett, Southern Baptist mission representative stationed in Mexico, is assisting in the clinic at the request of the Guatemala Mission. Also, Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall, Southern Baptist missionary stationed in Panama, is on loan to the Guatemala Mission to train Guatemalan Baptists in personal and house evangelism. He is also assisting with their correspondence course in evangelism.

A group of 12 Spanish-speaking Baptist pastors from Texas have been engaged in personal evangelism and nightly evangelistic services in Guatemala, resulting in three to five decisions almost every service. An additional 14 such pastors left March 2 to help in the same work. The groups are coordinated through the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas.

Guatemalan Baptists in Coban (60 miles north of Guatemala City) collected corn grain worth \$1,000 and sent it to the Baptists in Guatemala City to be distributed. Coban was not hit hard by the earthquake. Guatemalan Baptist pastors are still distributing food where and when needed.

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Parade Rest

**BEDFORD, Mass.** — Reliving history may be very exciting — especially during Bicentennial events in Massachusetts — but it can get tiresome, too. Dressed in the costume of the Carlisle Minutemen, Warren MacFarland does try to keep a stiff upper lip during a parade in the town of Bedford, Mass. (RNS Photo)

## First, Houston Calls James Smith

Rev. James E. Smith has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Mendenhall, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Houston, Mississippi, effective March 15. He went to Mendenhall as pastor seven and one-half years ago.



Born in Kentucky, Mr. Smith was ordained at First Church, Magee, Mississippi. He is the son of a Baptist minister, Rev. J. B. Smith, a first grandson of a Baptist minister, Rev. B. T. Smith.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. His former pastorates have included Raymond, Mt. Zion, Brookhaven, and Waddy, Kentucky.

He and his wife, the former Joyce Simpson, have three children, Chris, Angela Joyce, and Beth.

Active in state denominational affairs, he has been chairman of the Constitution Committee for the Miss. Baptist Convention; a trustee of Clarke College; Chairman of the BSU Committee at Hinds Junior College, and member of the BSU Committee at Co-Lin. During 1974-75 he was moderator of Simpson County Association.

**GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador** — A Baptist girl, Noemi Rut Veloz, was honored as the student with the highest average in her graduating class of 140 students at one of the high schools for girls here. She is the daughter of Miguel A. Veloz, pastor of Getsemani Baptist Church.

## Youth Choirs Possible In Russia, Baptist Reports

**WASHINGTON (BP)** — Two Russian Baptist visitors said here that increased church attendance by children and teenagers in the Soviet Union has made youth choirs possible.

"For the first time, we are able to have an all-Moscow youth choir," said Ilya Orlov during a visit to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's annual Language Missions Leadership Conference here.

Orlov, a preacher and organist at the Moscow Baptist Church, is also assistant director of the international department of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, the Baptist body in the Soviet Union officially recognized by the government.

Visitors to the churches in the Soviet Union reportedly have seen an increasing number of young people in attendance in Soviet Baptist churches over the years. It has been illegal for children to join the church under the age of 18. But, according to observers, it apparently has not been illegal for children to attend, although there may have been pressure against attendance.

Orlov also noted that some 600,000 Russian Baptists added 6,000 new converts last year — "1,000 more than the previous year."

Another Russian, diplomat Oleg Yermishkin of the Soviet Embassy, said, "Even though I am an atheist and you are Christian, we

can both attempt to bring happiness to the world's people and work toward a common objective of peace. For we know if there is a war — between our countries especially — the whole world will be destroyed."

"Our goals, your goals, human goals can be achieved only in a time of peace," Yermishkin claimed.

Another diplomat, Rosargentina Pineda, a Honduran Christian, said, "I am a Christian saved by the grace of God and my mission, besides that of being a diplomat, is to share the Christian gospel."

## New Version Of "Pinocchio" For Family Viewing

Danny Kaye and Sandy Duncan will star in the Rothman-Wohl production of "Pinocchio," new musical version of Carlo Collodi's famous fable, airing on the CBS Television Network, Saturday, March 27, from 8:00-9:30 p.m. (ET).

Miss Duncan plays the title role of "Pinocchio" and Mr. Kaye stars as "Gepetto." Also starring will be Flip Wilson as the Fox, Cleve Reilly as the Coachman, Liz Torres as the Cat and Gary Morgan as Candlewick.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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**Hymn of Praise** The Sigrests  
**TO PARIS WITH LOVE** Rev. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, Jr.  
**Benediction** Mrs. Berry Lane

**Tuesday night, 7:00 p.m.**  
**FREEDOM TO BE WORLD CITIZENS**

**Hymns of Praise** The Sigrests  
**Meditation** Mrs. Seheated  
**Spotlight on Baptist Young Women** Frances Shaw  
**Hymns of Praise** The Sigrests  
**Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Wendell Russell  
**Offertory**

**Greetings from WMU, SBC** Mrs. Gregory

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**Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Kolb** Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Rankin  
**Dorothy Latham** Rev. & Mrs. John Smith

**Parade of Flags of the Nations** Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams  
**Benediction** Dr. McGlamery  
**AUTOGRAPH PARTY AND RECEPTION** Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday morning, 9:30 a.m.**  
**FREEDOM TO BE LED BY HIS SPIRIT**

**Hymns of Praise** The Sigrests  
**Prayer** Mrs. C. A. Sanders  
**THE INDONESIAN STORY** Dr. & Mrs. Winfield Applewhite  
**Rev. & Mrs. John Smith**  
**Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Rankin**

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**LED BY HIS SPIRIT**

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**The Sigrests**  
**Mrs. H. W. Gray**

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**Offertory Prayer**  
**Offering**  
**LED BY HIS SPIRIT ON THE WEST COAST** Dr. Peter Chen  
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**Benediction** Mrs. Carlos Ferguson

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## Baxter Pridgen Dies In Jackson

Baxter B. Pridgen, 76, of 170 River Park Drive, Jackson, died Thursday, March 4, at University Medical Center, after an illness of several months.

He was the husband of Daphne Simmons Pridgen, who before her retirement was for 22 years a bookkeeper for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The funeral service was held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Friday, March 5.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Jack K. Spradling, two granddaughters, Mrs. Thomas D. Moore and Miss Jennie Spradling.

A native and lifelong resident of Jackson, he was former owner of Pridgen's Florist and former president of the Mississippi Florist Association. Prior to entering the florist business he was associated with Jackson Steam Laundry for 25 years.

He was a member and served as a deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and was a member of the Business Men's Bible Class. He was a member of the Jackson Lion's Club and was elected Lion of the Year, 1972-73.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen recently celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

## "Career Open House" Scheduled At Mississippi Baptist Medical Center

A "Career Open House" is



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## EDITORIAL

### A Veto Needed On Liquor Bill

Baptists in Mississippi should be interested in the action the state Legislature has taken to make it possible to serve liquor at Jackson's municipal airport, which is located in dry Rankin County.

Readers probably don't need to be reminded that Mississippi is dry, but a local option clause in the constitution makes it possible for a county or political subdivision to vote to "come out from under" the prohibition restriction. The city of Jackson has legal liquor sales. Four recent efforts to have Rankin County give up prohibition have failed.

Now the state Legislature has decided, over the objections of the Rankin County senator and most of the county's House delegation, that it should be legal to sell liquor in Rankin County. It has proposed that the liquor sales be limited to the restaurant at the airport, but it is difficult to see the reasoning in that. The airport is just as much in Rankin County as any other part of the county is, so why restrict the sales to the airport?

The Legislature uses the argument that the airport is owned by the City of Jackson, and the new bill just passed would allow any condition lawfully existing in a municipality to exist in any area owned by the municipality. At this writing the bill lacked only the governor's signature to become law.

This would mean, to carry it further, that a city with a lax build-

ing code could buy property in a county with a more stringent one; and the city's less restrictive code would prevail on that property.

Anytime the Legislature takes it upon itself to make the sale of liquor legal anywhere, everyone in the state who is appalled at the havoc alcohol wreaks in society should be concerned.

This is more than a wet-dry issue, however, and every citizen in the state should become concerned. The bill passed by the Legislature is in opposition to the wishes of a majority of voters in the county. How can this be described but as high-handed and unethical?

The sponsors of the measure acclaim that they were embarrassed that Jackson has the only major airport in the nation where the weary traveler cannot relax over a drink as he goes, or comes, or waits. They cite figures showing the additional revenue that will be generated once the drinks are being passed around at the Airport, but their figures don't seem to be based on sound reasoning.

They project an income for the airport of \$100,000 a year in liquor sales from their estimate of 400,000 people who will arrive or depart at the Jackson airport. The thought seems to be to make \$1 each off of 100,000 of them.

It won't work. Not nearly one-fourth of the people making airline connections in Jackson will take the opportunity to stop in the restau-

rant for a drink. A great number of them will not be drinkers in the first place, and others will not take time or will make their purchases on the planes.

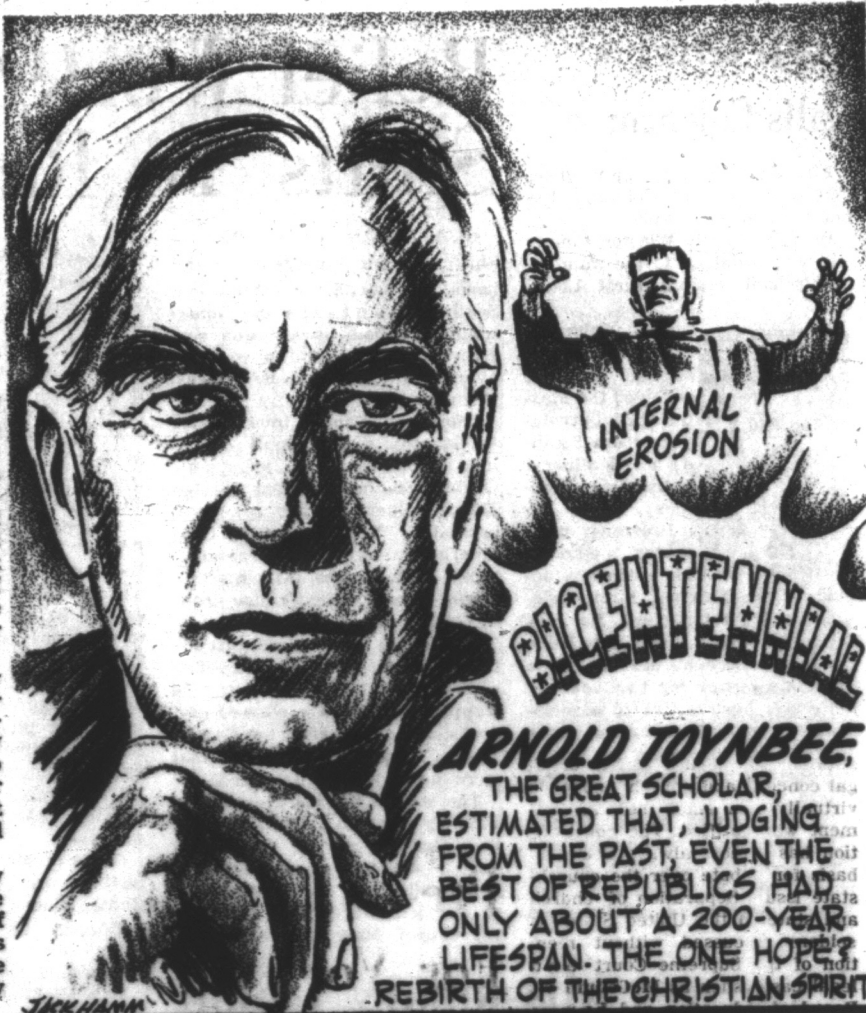
The restaurant chain that will serve those drinks at the airport will keep most of the money that will accrue from their sales. If \$100,000 is to be made, it will have to come from some source other than airline passengers.

Be that as it may, the real problem lies in the fact that the Legislature has moved to force the possibility of liquor sales in a dry county and in so doing has set up an unconstitutional condition for the people of a county who don't want it and have so demonstrated by their votes.

The legalization of liquor in any form anywhere at any time is to be lamented. There is no question of the damage it creates. When it is established by the state Legislature in a dry area, however, it is doubly tragic.

If the Legislature can pervert the conditions of the state constitution so as to establish its will in a manner contrary to the wishes of the electorate, then democracy has flown.

During the recent gubernatorial campaign the watchword of the governor was let the people decide. The people of Rankin County have decided. Hopefully, the governor will recognize this and will veto this legislation.—DTMCG



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## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Church Needs Contractor

Dear Sir:

The Screven Memorial Baptist Church, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, needs additional space. In order to save money they would like to utilize the service of a retired builder or contractor who would go to New England this summer and lead in the building of an addition to the church. Perhaps someone reading this would be interested or know of someone interested. Contact should be made direct with:

Rev. William T. Jenkins, Pastor  
Screven Memorial Baptist Church  
397 Lafayette Road  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

### Report From "The Freshman"

Dear Fellow-workers:

Just a few words to let you know that the "Freshman" in "The Seminary" is keeping busy and happy in spite of his ignorance.

I have had conferences with most of the professors about my work and have classes scheduled for about 20 hours per week. This includes: New Testament, Missions, Public Relations, Communication, Sociology, Administration, Ministry of Writing, Pastoral Ministry, Church Renewal, Personal Spiritual Growth and Counseling. Two of the above courses are graduate seminars. The one on missions, with Dr. Hicks and Dr. Culpepper as professors, has nine foreign missionaries and me together for study consultation, etc. We meet three times a week. The other seminar under Dr. Hartwell is on communication. It was designed especially for me and the professor, and I am all who will be involved. I fear that the professor will have a slow student.

We arrived in Louisville in the midst of a blizzard; and it has rained, snowed and sleeted since we have been here. It is not so bad, though, for we saw the sun once. It is cold outside, but warm physically and spiritually inside.

Maybe this is enough about our plight or our excited adventure, so let me say to you wonderful people back there, as well as to the Convention Board and all of our friends, thank you for making possible one of the most exciting adventures in my life's work. Pray for us, and if you are in Louisville come by 124 Fuller Hall to see us. If you can spend the night, bring your sleeping bag. It would be fine if you brought a few "rations." Again we say thanks to all of you and for all you do for the Lord and for us.

We have a very nice furnished apartment in Fuller Hall. I think that every apartment except ours is graced by the presence of crying babies. We are kind of out of step, and have wondered if we should try to get one of our grandsons to live with us.

We do not have a table for the lamp. In fact, we do not have a lamp, but we do have a couch, a bed, 4 "straight-up" chairs, a stove and refrigerator. A neighbor has come to our rescue and is going to give us a lamp. We can set it on the breakfast table, or possibly a box until things work out. If it were not so inconvenient, it would be wonderful to be a poor seminary freshman again. In fact, it is wonderful anyway.

"Bet" has enrolled in four classes with me. She's enjoying the fellowship with the seminary ladies, and she met one lady almost her age. This greatly encouraged both of us.

Foy, the Freshman  
P.S. I bought a pocket dictionary yesterday so I could find out what was being said. The missions seminar is called a "colloquy."

(NOTE: The above letter is from Dr.



**Bicentennial**  
Feature

### Baptists Join Colonists In Fight For Freedom

PHILADELPHIA, 1775 (BP) — Once accused of disloyalty to their country and of seeking to hinder efforts of the colonies to resist England, most Baptists threw themselves into the fight for freedom.

Many Baptists enlisted with General George Washington. Even Baptist ministers joined the struggle, many of them serving as army chaplains.

One reason for the all-out Baptist effort is that they saw in the cause of civil liberty hope for their own long-cherished dream — religious freedom. By joining in the fight for independence, Baptists hoped to favorably respond to their opportunities for separation of church and state and soul liberty.

When Massachusetts authorities refused to grant Baptists release from the clergy tax which required them to contribute to support of the state church, Baptist leaders threatened to take their cause to the king. For this stand Baptists were accused of taking advantage of a critical situation to advance selfish interests and lack of patriotism.

Subsequent events proved Baptist leader Isaac Backus correct when he answered the charges: "Baptist churches heartily unite with their countrymen in the cause of freedom and stand ready to exert all their abilities to defend it."

One notable exception to Baptist support of the revolution was Morgan Edwards, a native of Wales who came to this country when he was almost 40 years old. He brought with him a firm loyalty to England and was outspoken in proclaiming it.

Edwards' position earned him the hostility and suspicion of patriots. His fellow ministers attempted with little success to alter his unpopular Tory views.

The war was a severe blow to many Baptist churches. With most of the men taking up arms and the entire population preoccupied with the fight for liberty, churches struggled to survive just when the Baptist cause was gaining strength.

Some Baptists hoped, however, that from the struggle would come not only independence for the colonies but the religious freedom which Baptists had previously been denied.

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## NEWEST BOOKS

### Amazing Story of How New Birth Changed Charles Colson's Life

**BORN AGAIN** by Charles W. Colson (Chosen - Revell, 351 pp., \$8.95) This well may be one of the finest Christian witness books to appear in this generation. Charles Colson was one of the men closest to President Nixon when the Watergate scandal broke and was unable to keep from being snared in its web, even though he was not personally involved in the tragedy. In the midst of the experience he came to really know Jesus Christ as his Savior by being born again. It completely revolutionized his life. Christ became his very life in the difficulties of the experience, in a prison term, and in the new directions of his plans. It is an intriguing story as a man bares his soul, and gives a positive witness of his faith. This is the first of the Watergate books written from a Christian point of view which really tells what happened and why. It is a fascinating book, and should have a wide reading, for the sincerity and faith of the author comes through clearly, in a story that you will not want to stop reading once you start.

**GATHERED GOLD** by Paul M. Stevens (Word, 127 pp., Gift Book edition, \$4.95) Paul Stevens, president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission has gathered a beautiful series of meditations illustrated by well selected photographs, to speak to the hearts of readers on many subjects related to Christian living. This is a beautiful book, not to be read straight through, but rather for browsing, for meditation, and for devotion.

**PROCLAIMING THE DOCTRINES OF SALVATION** compiled by James A. Ponder (Broadman, paper, 104 pp., \$2.25) James Ponder, director of Evangelism for Florida Baptists, has assembled ten outstanding messages on salvation by evangelists and evangelism leaders.

**SOLZHENITSYN'S RELIGION** by Niels C. Nielsen Jr. (Thomas Nelson, paper, 164 pp., \$3.50) Alexander Solzhenitsyn is the Russian literary figure who has become world renowned for his criticisms of the Russian system. Amazingly, he was allowed to leave the land, and speak out freely. This book reveals that his writings and viewpoints are based upon strong religious convictions. His moral courage is almost unprecedented, and he had the strength to survive imprisonment and other opposition. This author carefully examines the Russian author's writings, and shows how a personal faith comes through, although it is not always openly avowed. The book also reveals other facts about Christianity in Russia and Eastern Europe today.

**THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST** by Ray Frank Robbins (Broadman, 200 pp., paper) A New Orleans Seminary professor interprets Revelation with the purpose of seeking to find what the revelation meant to the original churches receiving the message. He does not accept the "futuristic" interpretation held by many, but seems to feel that here were great timeless messages full of hope and assurance of victory. He takes, for example, the position that the

144,000 sealed persons in chapter seven as "the entire congregation of the redeemed during the end time", when the passage clearly says that they were from the 12 tribes of Israel. He says that the "messianic kingdom that the Jews hoped for had been fulfilled in Christ", thus apparently rejecting the idea of any future millennial kingdom. These are just examples, showing that his position evidently is "Amillennial." The book is well written, and a strong presentation of this view of interpretation. Questions will be raised by those who hold the futuristic view.

**NO ROCKING CHAIR FOR ME** by Harold E. Dye (Broadman, 145 pp.) One of Southern Baptists' most able past writers, reflects on the meaning of retirement, something to which he himself has come. Delightful, readable chapters which show how the retiree can take life in stride, and find many things to make life even better as one comes to this milestone in life and must adjust to it. Refreshing reading for those who are about to retire, have retired, or just want to understand retirement.

**BEFORE YOU MARRY THEM** by Wayne E. Oates and Wade Rowatt (Broadman, 127 pp., \$4.50) "A Premarital Guide for Pastors." A thorough discussion of "premarital Counseling", why it is needed, and how it should be done.

**RAISE THE DEAD** by Myron C. Madden (Word, 115 pp., \$4.95) The director of the Department of Pastoral Care at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, talks about the fear of death and how to deal with it. Shows the place of fear and grief, and therapy for them.

**THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION** by Arthur W. Pink (Baker, 164 pp., \$5.95) One of the deepest and most thorough Bible scholars of the past generation, writes on the great doctrine of salvation. Sections include chapters on regeneration, repentance, coming to Christ, the full meaning of salvation, and the heart in salvation. This is deep Biblical material but rich in its content.

**A THEOLOGY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** by Lawrence O. Richards, (Zondervan, 324 pp., \$8.95) A textbook on the theology of Christian Education. Discusses the Biblical and theological basis of Christian education, and its implementation in the local church. Special attention is given to difference in childhood education and adult education.

**BY WHAT AUTHORITY** by William Barclay (Judson, 221 pp., paper, \$3.95) American reprint of book first printed in England. A scholarly, yet very readable study of "authority" in the Old Testament, of Jesus, of the church (and New Testament characters) and today. This scholar's position is sometimes mystifying and often unacceptable to conservatives, but he is a most able scholar and writer.

**THE BOOK OF ISAIAH** from the New International Version (Zondervan, 162 pp., \$1.95) One of the popular new translations of the Bible is the New International Version, of which Zondervan brought forth the New Testament a year or two ago. The entire Bible is scheduled to be ready in late 1978. Now the book

of Isaiah is ready, as a foretaste of other Old Testament books to come. Prepared by outstanding conservative scholars, the version is fresh and accurate. This volume is printed almost entirely in a "poetic" form.

**NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE** (Collins World, boxed.) A beautiful handy-sized edition of the New American Standard version of the Bible, one of the most accurate and trustworthy of modern day translations. This edition includes center references, red letters of words of Christ, a good concordance, and modern maps. Attractively bound in brown imitation leather, gold edges, limp binding and boxed.

**GENESIS — A Verse by Verse Commentary** by John E. Rice (Sword, 537 pages, \$5.95) A commentary on Genesis by one of today's best known fundamentalists. Gives detailed attention to creation versus evolution, the flood, etc. A valuable volume for preachers, teachers and all Bible students.

**THE CREATION EXPLANATION** by Robert E. Kolahl and Kelly L. Segraves (Harold Shaw Publishers, 255 pp., \$7.95) Is there a scientific alternative to evolution? These two scholars from the Creation - Science Research Center, say there definitely is, and they present it in this volume. Here in studies on design, change, fossils, life, man and the universe, these scientists show that evolution could not have brought to pass the things which exist and which have been. There must be a designer who planned it all! This is a readable, yet very scientifically accurate book.

**THE GREEN LETTERS** by Miles J. Stanford (Zondervan, paper, \$1.50, 98 pp.) As the first of a series of five, this classic devotional book sets forth the principles of spiritual growth — the principles of the life that is "not I, but Christ." Mr. Stanford began "The Green Letters" series in 1960. More than 300,000 have since been distributed. This first volume in the series on spiritual growth aims to help the reader build in a sound biblical foundation in Christ. It is grounded in Scripture and enlivened by quotations from noted authors.

**PRODIGAL FATHER** by Colonel Heath Bottomly (Regal, 141 pp., \$4.95) The exciting and thrilling story of what a personal experience of being born again through personal faith in Jesus Christ can do to a man who had dedicated his life to reaching the highest peaks in an air force career.

**HOW TO MAKE A GRAND SUCCESS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE** by John E. Rice (Thomas Nelson, 234 pp., paper, \$3.50) Thirteen Bible centered sermons on living the Christian life. Begins with the New Birth and assurance, and covers all areas of needed experience in daily living for Christ.

**THE ABUSERS** by Gary Fisher with Robert L. McGrath (Mott Media, paper, \$2.95, 213 pp.) This shocking and incredible account of child abuse was written by a man who experienced child abuse first hand from his parents, police authorities, in reform homes, and in mental institutions.



# Old Testament Era Backgrounds Of Church-State Relationships

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By Ronnie Prevost  
First in Series of Four

The United States of America has begun the celebration of its bicentennial. This marks the two-hundredth anniversary of what many have called "the Great Experiment." Within the basic document of our nation are sixteen words that point out the great uniqueness of this experiment in human history: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."



The proper interpretation of this first amendment to our constitution has been a matter of legal concern and church concern virtually ever since the amendment was ratified. The constitution has almost always been the basis for debate over the church-state issue. Separation of church and state in the United States is seldom discussed without mention of the Supreme Court and cases such as *McCullum vs. Board of Education* and *Everson vs. Board of Education*.

However, Christians must realize that the issue of church and state separation belongs not only to the legal considerations of the state, but also to the moral and ethical considerations of the church. (That is, the church in both the local and universal senses.) Baptists have been aware of this fact for quite some time. In 1808 a group of Baptists in Virginia wrote Thomas Jefferson concerning the separation of church and state. Mr. Jefferson's reply was:

"We have solved by fair experiment, the great and interesting question whether freedom of religion is compatible with order in government and obedience to the laws. And we have experienced the quiet as well as the comfort which results from leaving everyone to profess freely and openly those principles of religion which are the inductions of his own reason and the serious convictions of his own inquiries."

This concept of the separation of church and state has been such an integral part of our heritage as both citizens of the United States and Baptist that often we are unaware of how novel the notion is within the thousands of years of human history. With primitive cultures social custom and virtually all of life was dictated by religious purpose. Early man could not distinguish one alien factor from another. Rather, he saw all opposing forces as threatening his daily existence. Because of this, as society developed and leaders emerged, these leaders acted as "protectors" and performed religious functions. This idea of "priest-king" is not unknown in the Bible. In Genesis we read of the priest-king of Salem, Melchizedek. His sovereignty was over the religious as well as the governmental affairs of the community.

However, as time passed men began to differentiate between the functions of civil and religious leadership and there arose a special class of priests. This class of religious leaders soon came into conflict with the king. The claims that each group presented posed a problem for the society concerned. It is interesting that the civil faction had superiority from the beginning. If the offices of priest and king were manifested in different individuals, the king was usually the more dominant of the two figures. In the case of the two office being manifested in one individual, he assumed the priestly functions because he was the head of the community.

scribing the Hebrew government the historian Josephus resorted to using a new name for it, "... theocracy, by ascribing the authority and the power to God." The Mosaic Law was more than just the religion of the state. Until the time of Saul it was the state itself. In their period of history, the Hebrews were unique in that their man of God preceded king or prince. Within the theocracy of the Hebrews, they were ruled by God through His chosen leader: Moses led, then Joshua, and on through the period of the judges. These God-chosen leaders of the Hebrews made decisions in areas that today would be considered civil jurisdiction such as when to make war and peace, division of lands, and criminal actions. However, the Hebrew leaders were considered to be the first ones ordained by God to lead in religious matters which, in turn,

were thought to embrace all that affected the people.

Israel's first king, Saul, was anointed by Samuel, prophet and priest of the God of the Hebrews as was David. At the beginning of this kingdom period in Hebrew history, the truly close relationship between the church and state began to disintegrate into little more than a false front. Saul tried very little to lead Israel in religious matters, David dwelt mostly on expanding the kingdom, and Solomon, though building the temple, was concerned primarily with building detente with surrounding nations. As is evident in viewing the period of the divided kingdom and the preaching careers of Isaiah, Elijah, Elisha, Jeremiah, and the other prophets, the gap between the religion and the states of the Hebrews widened with the passage of time. The State and religion were

rejoined to a degree during the interbiblical period, but the union was dominated by civil politicians who used the priesthood as a political tool rather than as a co-equal leader. This pattern of union is that of most pre-Christian unions of church and state.

Note: Ronnie Prevost is a post-graduate student at New Orleans Seminary. He is a Mississippian.

## Roundaway Pastor Resigns

Rev. Howard Quinley, pastor of Roundaway Church, Dodsdsville, since 1973, has resigned. He has accepted a call from Friendship Church, Bon Secour, Alabama.

Mr. Quinley came to Roundaway from Shiloh Church, Vinegar Bend, Alabama. He is married to the former Faye Stephens of Five Points, Alabama. They have two sons, Mike, a freshman at Mississippi Delta Junior College, and William, who is in the fourth grade.

Quinley, native of Evergreen, Alabama, was ordained by Woodmont Church, Mobile. He holds the B.A. degree from William Carey College, and the Th.M. from New Orleans Seminary.

He was included in the 1975-76 Who's Who in Religion in America and has been selected to be included in the 1976-77 edition of the Dictionary of International Biography.



The first place award for piano was a tie. This award went to Kim Hayes, left, of First Church, Hattiesburg, and Jo Ette Majure, right, First Church, Quitman.



## Church Music Announces Keyboard Festival Winners

Winners in the State Keyboard Festival have been announced by the Church Music Department. The first place award for piano was a tie this year. Winners of this award were Kim Hayes, First Church, Hattiesburg, and Jo Ette Majure, First Church, Quitman. The ministers of music at these churches have played a vital role in the music education of these young ladies. Kim's father Jim Hayes, is the minister of music at First Church in Hattiesburg. Jo Ette's piano teacher is her minister of music, Hixon Helton of Quitman.

Also receiving awards at the

festival, held on the Clarke College Campus in Newton, were Mike Smith, First Church, New Albany, and Joy Moss, Hardy Church, Grenada. These young people have earned superior ratings in each of the five proficiency areas of the advanced division of the festival program, and received the Proficiency Plaque.

This festival, for 10th, 11th and 12th grade organ and piano participants is the culmination of the district festival program. In January, 750 young people, 1st through 12th grades, participated in 14 district festivals in the state. Mrs. Nan Grantham is the coordinator for these festivals.

## Pre-Convention Conference For Vocational Evangelists

ATLANTA, Ga. — The Home Mission Board's Department of Mass Evangelism is sponsoring a conference for Southern Baptist vocational evangelists, June 11-12, in Chesapeake, Va., immediately preceding the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.

The conference will be held at Indian River Baptist Church, 1600 Laurel Ave., Chesapeake, Va., 23325.

Special features of the conference include a seminar on basic evangelistic writing, led by John Havlik of the HMB evangelism staff, and a series of four sermons on "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit," by Roy Edgemon, also of the HMB evangelism staff.

"Participants have been invited to lead simultaneous one day revivals in several Norfolk-area churches, June 13," said Bobby Sunderland, organizer of the conference. "Evangelists should indicate interest in participation upon registration."

For registration information, write: Bobby Sunderland, Director, Department of Mass Evangelism, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

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## W. W. Adams, A Great Teacher

By W. Ross Edwards  
Kansas City, Mo.

On April 26, 1975 I received a letter from Dr. W. W. Adams. He said, "I would like to warn you. Nobody warned me. If you do not want to get old there is one way to keep from it. If you do not want to get old you will have to stop living. Beulah and I would rather live than anything else we have ever done so we kept living and we got old. There simply is no way around it."

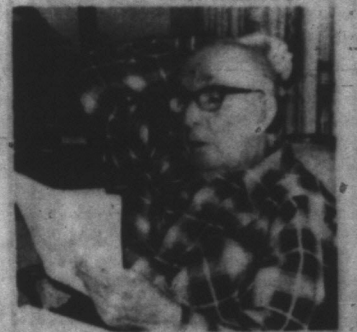
"I tell people it is not all bad,"

the letter continued. "I get a lift, a thrill when I remember that I shall soon be leaving where there are many people that I never have liked, so this is not all bad."

Dr. W. W. Adams of Kansas City, Missouri, was born 83 years ago in Alabama. For more than fifty years he taught Bible to seminary students, to church groups and various assemblies.

After graduating from Howard College in Alabama with the Master's degree and from Southern Seminary in 1925 with a Doctor's degree, Dr. Adams taught at East-

ern Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1946 he left Eastern to become president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. Central was then a regional institution, serving both Northern (now American) and Southern Baptists. When it became evident that Central would become singly aligned with the American Convention, in 1954, Dr. Adams left Central to teach New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary, where he remained until mandatory retirement at 70, in 1963, only two



Mr. Adams

months before his 71st birthday. He subsequently taught for five more years at New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams moved to Kansas City in 1969. Until recently he continued to conduct Bible conferences in Missouri and elsewhere. He now has a few close friends, whom he has known well for a long time, to come to his home for fellowship and to hear him read papers which he has prepared. He feels a deep sense of urgency to express some of his deep convictions, before he goes on to be with God.

Some of the men who have met with Dr. Adams in recent months are Hugh Wamble, professor of church history at Midwestern Seminary; Harold Evans, director of missions of Blue River Baptist Association in the Kansas City area; Harlan Ginn, pastor of Dr. and Mrs. Adams; and W. Ross Edwards, retired editor of The Word and Way. The photo included herewith was made by Dr. Edwards while Dr. Adams was reading a paper in January of 1975.

It is likely that Dr. Adams has taught more ministers of the gospel than any other living professor. We do not know of another person who taught as long as he did in four different Baptist seminaries. His interpretation is as always, challenging. His mind is still clear, and his sense of humor very much alive. He stops while reading a paper to make an application to one of his hearers (laughing heartily at his own remarks).

When we started to leave Dr. Adams recently he cried, when we told him that we loved him, that he was a great teacher, etc. It is not easy to leave him. Even though weary, he wants to continue teaching.

## Choctaw Chief: Baptist Humanitarian



(Continued from page 1)

anyone, spurred me on to get an education. I was about 13 when my brother wrote me a letter from his station in the Pacific, saying he wanted me to go to college, and that he would be my sponsor. Just a short time later he was killed in the Philippines. Still I wanted to carry out his wishes for me, and made up my mind to go to college."

Calvin Isaac was born 42 years ago on his father's farm in Neshoba County, and lives there now, in the family home near Philadelphia. "My father had a large influence on my life," he said. B. D. Isaac, the father of twelve sons and daughters, was

ter teaches in Oklahoma and another at Pearl River.

Isaac had been employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1962, as school teacher and as Title I education specialist. He became chief July 8, 1975. His office is in the attractive new tribal office building, beside the Pearl River School and near the Baptist Indian Center.

What are some of his plans as chief? What does he desire for his people? "I want to see an arts and crafts center built," he said. "This was for me a four-year goal, but already \$130,000 has been set aside for its construction. In such a center the older people will teach the younger ones the fine arts of our tribe. We are proud of our heritage, and want to keep alive our language, our crafts, our legends, music, and traditions. In addition to the center, I think these should be taught in the Choctaw schools." In the tribe's new bilingual education program, kindergarten through third graders are learning to read and write Choctaw.

"One of the things that I have a deep interest in and one I intend to focus in is education," the chief continued. "Education is a beautiful thing. I love academics because I believe that as one grows into adulthood, more and more one realizes what education is all about."

It was not until 1964 that the Choctaws had a high school of

ing a library here in the new tribal office building."

"My biggest headache," he admitted, "is the question of unemployment. Most Choctaws want to stay on the reservation, and there are just not enough jobs for all. I keep searching for new job opportunities and ideas."

"We would welcome new industries for the large industrial park here in the Pearl River community. I have been conferring with several prospects for that recently."

"We expect that the tourist center to be built in connection with the planned Edinburg dam and reservoir will give more jobs. The reservoir will border on Tribal Land. Fishing, camping, hiking trails, amphitheatre for the annual Choctaw Fair, and a living museum complex with an Indian village are all expected to attract tourists."

Perhaps, too, this will be another opportunity for witnessing outreach.

Through federal funding, additional houses will be built on tribal land this year. People living in isolated areas, in old and crumbling houses, will move into these. "When 200 more houses are finished," Isaac said, "most of the Choctaws will have adequate housing."

A New Health Center at Pearl River is ready to open within a few weeks. Rooms of the 80-bed hospital are painted in bright colors

with drapes to match. At least half of the floor-to-ceiling windows reveal the greenery of pine forests. Through the large lobby skylight, the sun shines on bright Indian murals. A house for the elderly is to be built behind the hospital, as a home for 14 couples.

One important area the chief is working on is public relations. With the aid of a capable public relations team, he is telling the Choctaw story, in Mississippi and across the nation. He travels constantly, in and out of the state. Recently he attended the meeting of the National Tribal Chairman's Association and the meeting of the Indian Health Service in Washington, D. C.

He stays busy — giving or getting information, discussing plans, talking with colleagues, aiding people, plowing through paper work.

"No, I don't play stickball for relaxation," he laughed. "That's too rough for me! When I'm tired, I like to sit down and start banging on the piano."

He isn't married, but is "mother and father" to three of his late brother's small children. Though he can cook, he doesn't have time for that. "My sister comes over to cook for the children and me." His favorite Choctaw delicacy is homemade hominy. "Come and try some for yourself," he invited. "There will be plenty for sale at the Indian Fair, July 14-17."



## First Chaplain At University Med Center Believes In 'Caring For Whole Person'

Like the children of God in captivity in Babylon, clergymen in a health care setting sometimes ask, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Dr. James L. Travis, III, director of pastoral services at the University of Mississippi Medical

Center and University Hospital chaplain, says many clergymen are uncomfortable at hospitals.

"Many feel they don't belong in a room full of technological gadgets," he said. "They're often faced with either having the traditional prayer and scripture or going in, saying a few words of social greeting, and leaving."

During his first months as the state institution's first chaplain, Dr. Travis has put patients first in his role as a "now" member of the total health team. He's also been working with community clergy and physicians to "help make this business of 'caring for the whole person' more than a cliché."

He provides "conversational medicine" in his supportive role on the UMC health team. He listens to the problems, fears, and hopes of hospital patients and their families. He helps support those facing illness, crisis, and perhaps impending death — those who can so easily feel lost in the sometimes unfamiliar hospital world, frequently far away from home and their own clergy.

"The Medical Center is taking seriously its mission to provide comprehensive health care for all Mississippians," Dr. Travis said. "Many of our patients come from the far corners of the state; so it's impossible for their clergy to visit with them and provide the support they need."

The UMC chaplain refers requests for counseling and administration of the rites of the church to a minister of the patient's own faith or ministers to the person as an interim pastor.

He also works with other clergymen and health professionals to explore creative approaches to caring for people.

"More than 3,000 clergy representing the major faith groups are in Mississippi, with probably that many more in the smaller groups," he said. "That's a lot of manpower who already have pastoral skills. With an awareness of the health care resources in our state, they can add greatly to caring for Mississippians."

Dr. Travis meets with Medical Center physicians, nurses, and other personnel and with clergymen to discuss how health care is being delivered, the medical ethics and moral issues involved, and the quality of life patients can expect.

"In this interdisciplinary approach," he explained, "clergy

and physicians in communities work together and feel comfortable making referrals to each other. They work as part of a helping team — as a minister or a physician, realizing both can relate to people who are troubled."

That's one point the Baptist minister with more than 10 years experience in the health care field emphasizes in educational programs which train community clergymen for pastoral care in a health care setting.

"The clergymen should feel essential in caring for people," he said. "We discuss ways clergy can intervene in family and/or individual crises, using religious resources, the church, and their own professional identity."

He also teaches basic interview skills, stressing the importance of listening "for conversation clues, about what's going on in the person's life, and the unexpressed fears he has."

An Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., certified chaplain supervisor, Dr. Travis believes teaching other clergymen is just one more way of putting patients first.

### ACTION Doubles SS Enrollment At Bay Vista

Allen Stephens, pastor, Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, reports, "Our church voted to have ACTION the week of January 11-16. During the week, we enrolled 212 new members in our Sunday School. This increased our enrollment by 50%."

"Our Sunday School average attendance for 1974-75 was 206. For the six Sundays since ACTION our average has been 273. (The same six Sundays last year we averaged 217.) This average also is a consistent 45% of our total enrollment."

"We are convinced that the ACTION program works and a plan to make it a regular part of our annual planning."

### 266 Enrolled Through ACTION Second, Greenville

Second Church, Greenville, enrolled a grand total of 266 new members in Sunday School, as a result of their ACTION program.

Sunday School enrollment before the campaign at the church was 444, and afterward it was 710. Average attendance before the campaign was 213. After the campaign, a report on the first two weeks showed an average attendance of 300.

Total new members included 264 enrolled during the week of ACTION and 12 enrolled the week following ACTION.

The pastor, the Rev. Roy D. Raddin, says, "One exciting experience I had during this ACTION campaign was to have enrolled 60 in the Pastor's Class and to have 34 in attendance the first Sunday following ACTION. I also might mention that the offering just for the Pastor's Class the first Sunday we met was \$216.00. We also had four members from this class to unite with our church. We feel that exciting and wonderful things are happening at Second Baptist Church in Greenville."



Wayne and Voncille Mills

### Mills' Return From Europe

The Wayne B. Mills have returned from Europe where they have served since 1972 in the European Baptist Convention. Wayne was pastor of Anderson Memorial Baptist Church in Schweinfurt, Germany; and Voncille was president of the WMU of the European Baptist Convention.

Both are graduates of NODTS. Prior to going to Europe they served in the Northwest Baptist Convention. Mrs. Mills, formerly Voncille Rushing, is a Mississippian, and served as education director of FBC, West Point.



"If we don't spend — for utilities" — then back to the kerosene lamp and the hand-driven fan.



Christian literature was on display at the Greenfield budget fair.

### Greenfield Introduces Budget With A Fair

Instead of a formal banquet to introduce the budget for 1976, Greenfield Church, Greenville, had a budget fair. The theme was "One Nation Under God," and the red, white, and blue were used for the bicentennial budget fair decorations.

The fair was held Friday, Jan-

uary 16, between 6-8 p.m. Each phase of the church budget was presented by a decorated booth, as in a fair, by the head of each department. Each percentage from the budget for that particular department was shown by pie sections with the proposed amount to be spent in 1976.

Additional entertainment included a film and a performance by a singing group from First Church, Greenville. Following the performance, each item of the 1976 budget was brought before the church and discussed. The budget fair ended with an ice-cream party in the fellowship hall of the church.



Mr. and Mrs. James T. Merritt with twin daughters, Karol Leight and Kristy Lynne.

### First Twins Born At New Hospital

The first twins to be born at the new Mississippi Baptist Medical Center are Karol Leigh Merritt and Kristy Lynn Merritt, who arrived on February 25.

They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Merritt, 232 Trojan Drive, Jackson, and the sisters of five-year-old Katherine Anne and one-year-old William Lester. All four children were born at Mississippi Baptist.

Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Merritt, of Bassfield, where he is pastor of First Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jarvis, Sr., of Brandon.

The twins' mother (who was "Most Beautiful" on campus when she was a student at Hinds Junior College), is auditing and credit manager for MFC Services, where she has worked for over nine years.

Their father is manager of the Jackson terminal of Specter Freight Systems, a Chicago-based trucking firm.

Kristy weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces at birth and was 19 inches long. Karol weighed eight pounds and four ounces and was 20½ inches in length.

The Merritts are members of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Both attended Mississippi College. Merritt's great-grandmother and Mrs. Merritt's grandmother had twins.

During their ministry in Europe, they had the opportunity to travel and minister in seventeen countries. Among such opportunities was the privilege of speaking at the European Baptist Convention in Brussels, Belgium; the EBC's pastors' conference at Mittersill, Austria; and leading in mission and evangelism conferences at the European Baptist Convention's summer assembly in Interlaken, Switzerland. Several articles have been written of the Mills' ministry in various SBC publications.

Since returning to the United States the Mills have been involved in an evangelistic/mission ministry. In the short time they have been back in America, they have been widely used, traveling over 12,000 miles and serving in seven States. Their current address is 2734 James Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38127.

### Young Navajo To Preach In Choctaws' Youth Revival

Russell Begaye, young Navajo from New Mexico, a student at Southwestern Seminary, will be the evangelist for a youth revival to be sponsored by the Choctaw Central (English-language) Baptist Church, (Rev. James Sanders, pastor) and the New Choctaw Baptist Association.

The revival meetings will be held at 7 p.m., March 12-19, at Pearl River Facility Building in the Pearl River community near Philadelphia.

Jesse Ben, student at Clarke, will be the music director; Glenda Grafton of Oklahoma, music teacher in the Choctaw School System, will be pianist.

When Russell Begaye was a student at UCLA, he found an outlet for his hatred of the white man's prejudice, through the American Indian Movement and participated in demonstrations and protests every chance he got.

But interspersed between these events, and ultimately overcoming them, Begaye became a Christian and today is a student at Southwestern Seminary. According to an article in *World Missions Journal*, by Mike Bailey, Begaye is preparing himself for going back to his tribe and teaching them about Jesus Christ.

"We wanted no part of the white man's religion, so we chased the missionaries off." This was the initial reaction of Begaye and his family to the white missionaries who came to their home on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico.

Begaye grew up in a traditional Navajo home in Shiprock, N. M. and was taught the Navajo religion by his parents. The family had tried some of the "white man's religion" but did not care for it.

But then Begaye's father became paralyzed and when the healing power of the Navajo faith never came, the family turned to Christianity in hopes of a cure.

"The Holy Spirit really got hold of us," Begaye said smiling. "Soon after we started going to that Baptist church, my father

was saved, then my mother and then me."

The mission church is one of several sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

Within a year the prayers were answered, Begaye said, and his father was able to walk once again.

Four years later, Begaye felt that God was calling him to preach. He had an edge over the missionaries, because Begaye could speak to the other Navajos in their own language. He preached revivals in many of the churches.

After high school, Begaye went to UCLA to major in pre-law, and there realized the extent of the harassment of the American Indian.

Begaye joined the American Indian Movement and spoke out vehemently against the white men.

"But after every speech, God would get hold of me and shake me up. It got to where I couldn't go to sleep because running through my mind was, 'Love your neighbor. Love your neighbor.'"

"God finally drove me to my knees," he said, "and I put Jesus back in the center of my life. And He replaced all my hate with His love."

### MC Offers Training In Christian Growth

Mississippi College is offering nine weeks of intensive training in areas of Christian growth to students through a special program labeled the University of Christian Growth. It is being sponsored by the Director of Religious Activities and will continue through April 29.

A competent team of distinguished individuals will be serving as dialogue leaders and resource persons. They include religion professors, college and state administrators, Jackson religious figures, and clinical psychologists of the Jackson area.



### Students Plant Apple Trees

PLANTING APPLE TREES AT CAREY above are members of the Psychology Club. Eight apple trees were planted this week by students outside the Fairchild Hall area, adjacent to Tuscan Avenue. The project was sponsored by the Psychology Club under the direction of Dr. Clarence Thurman, chairman of the department of psychology and education. Left to right are: Jane Lindsey, David Sapp, Darlene Nelson, Fred Thurman, and Alvin Carriere.

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# The Consequences Of Hypocrisy

By Wm. J. Fallis

Matthew 22:15 to 23:39

As a word, "hypocrite" had a respectable beginning. It came almost directly from the Greek word *hypokrites*, meaning someone who played a part on the stage. Because he wore a mask and acted like someone other than himself, he was a hypocrite. Because the audience knew what was going on, the word was neither good nor bad. The word developed an odor when the role was being played in real life, with the hypocrite trying to appear better — more honest, more concerned, more something — than he really was. Of course, some hypocrites try to appear worse than they really are, but they are usually tolerated while the others are condemned. Real hypocrites in religion are frequently cruel and judgmental of others. Jesus unmasked them.

The Lesson Explained

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Every Individual Is Accountable To God

Matthew 25:14-30

By Bill Duncan

The parable of the talents is a parable on judgment. The teaching of the parable is that no one knows when the Lord will return so a man must use what God has given him wisely. In the parable a man went on a journey after entrusting his funds to several of his servants. The man gave to the servants according to their abilities. To one man, he gave five talents; to another, two talents; to a third servant, he gave one talent. The first two doubled their master's money through trade. The third servant who had received only one talent, hid it in the ground and made no profit for his master. When the master of the servants returned, there was a day of accounting. To the ones who had invested the talents, the master said: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The master was very displeased with the servant that only returned what he was entrusted with. The master called him a worthless and lazy servant and took the talent away and gave to another because he had not used it wisely.

As one considers the second coming of Christ, he must consider that this will be a time for each person to give an account

## Special Religious Programs Planned At University

The Department of Religious Life at the University of Mississippi is sponsoring two special programs in the near future.

The first will feature Norman and Sandra Dietz in a program of short plays entitled *AMERICAN FABLES*. This will be on Tuesday, March 30, 1976, at 7 p.m. in the Education Auditorium on campus.

The program is composed of theatre pieces that examine various facets of the contemporary American scene, focusing on reli-

Jesus Accuses Religious Leaders vv. 27-32

The setting and time of this passage is the Temple and Tuesday of the week of the crucifixion. Jesus had come to Jerusalem with the full expectation of open conflict with Jewish religious leaders that would end with his death. Knowing how they paraded their righteousness, Jesus declared seven woes over them. "Woe" is not a curse here; it is more a cry of anger or pity. It does include judgment.

In verse 13 Jesus said the scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites because of their double lives. In verse 25 he said they were like cups that were clean on the outside but soiled inside. Then he went further in verse 27 in comparing them with tombs — outwardly white and beautiful but filled with decaying flesh. Their strict religious practices made them appear righteous, but really they were liars and sinners. While they decorated the tombs of prophets, they denied for themselves the murderous attitudes of

their ancestors. In this Jesus said they admitted that their fathers had executed the prophets. Verse 32 means: "Finish up what your ancestors started!" (TEV). He Pronounces Awful Judgment vv. 33-36

These are indeed harsh words, and they show a side of Jesus that some people tend to overlook. But Jesus took sin very seriously. He dealt frankly but redemptively with the woman at the well; but in the scribes and Pharisees he saw no inclination toward repentance. God could deal with them only in a final judgment.

In verse 34 Jesus said that he would be sending into their midst more righteous and wise men, and he knew how they would be treated by the orthodox religious leaders. The verse reminds us especially of what happened to Paul as a missionary. By persecuting the followers of Christ, the Jewish leaders would partake of the reputation of their ancestors and share the blame on all hypocrites who have shed righteous blood. The reference to Abel and Zachar-

ias is probably to murders from the first to the last book of the Hebrew Bible (2 Chron. 24:21). Severe punishment came on that generation in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Jesus Yearns For His People

These verses reveal the heart of Jesus — compassionate, sad, but realistic. Although Jerusalem was the center of the Jewish faith, its leaders were proud and vicious. Its people needed the kind of compassion and care that Jesus could give. But they were all so handicapped with self-confidence that they rejected God's Messiah. Now there is no hope for them, said Jesus; "house" may refer to the city as their home or to the Temple. In his farewell sentence Jesus quoted from Psalm 118:26 which had been sung when he rode into Jerusalem. All who believe will ascribe that praise when he comes at last in judgment.

John Hancock signed his name in large letters on the bottom of the Declaration of Independence so King George could read it without his glasses, says the American Optometric Association in a 1976 Save Your Vision Week (March 7-13) message.

## Prayer Lift For Pastors: March 14-20

### Gulf Coast

March 14  
David Stovall, Michael Memorial  
Jerry Estes, New Hope  
Charles Couch, Northward  
Floyd Hughes, Olivet  
A. M. Moore, Pass Road  
March 15  
Gary Thompson, Providence  
Daniel Bradley, Sharon  
Roy Parkinson, Shoreline Chapel  
George McGlothlin, Shifalo Memorial  
Oscar Russell, Success  
March 16  
Eddie Ruddick, Trinity  
Russell Bradford, Woolmarket  
W. T. Miller, West Gulfport

### Hinds-Madison

Charles Myers, Alta Woods  
Clifford Nelson, Beulah Memorial  
March 17  
Louis Smith, Briarwood  
Wayne Burks, Bolton  
David Grant, Broadmoor  
Kenneth Cook, Burch Hill  
Henry Bennett, Byram  
March 18  
Ira Metts, Camden  
Joe Tuten, Calvary, Jackson  
Joe Hill, Calvary, Canton  
Glenn Nations, Chapel Hill  
Carl Dickerson, Clinton Blvd.  
March 19  
Len Turner, Colonial Heights  
Houston Haynes, Crestwood  
Byron Malone, Daniel Memorial  
V. R. Crider, Damascus  
D. W. Green, Edwards  
March 20  
Bobby Walker, Emmanuel

ties that others do not have. Some people are given better opportunities than others. Have you ever heard anyone say, "I can do anything anybody else can do"? That statement is simply not true. No person can do everything.

God has given every man a gift that he expects him to use wisely and give an account concerning that gift. It lifts man to know that he is important to God and that the Almighty God needs him. No man is condemned because he is not equal in ability to some other, no man is condemned who tries and fails, but to the man who refused to try, the master was very condemning.

As one looks toward the second coming, he need not be afraid. The explanation of the lazy and unprofitable servant was that "he was afraid," so he buried the talent and did nothing. Fear has a way of paralyzing the person. This servant was not accused of doing wrong but of doing nothing. He may have been afraid of not being able to make as big a show as others. He may have dreamed of what he would do if he had ten talents. A lot of people are afraid of their littleness.

The lazy and unprofitable servant was afraid of failure. He said to the master "I knew thee that thou art a hard man." If he failed he felt he would be severely punished. Some people are cruel in their judgments, but most are willing to go out of their way to help someone who tries. When it comes to the judgment of God, we need have no fear. He knows all the circumstances. He expects us to have faith in him and in ourselves. The victories are won by those who believe they can.

Have you noticed that I translated the word slothful as lazy? This one talent, man was afraid of work. As you read the lives of great people, you will find one thing common to all — they worked hard. "False pride, lack of faith, and laziness can so paralyze your life that you wither away to nothing."

What is your goal in life? Is it

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Wanda Fawcett

There really is just something about names. And about the way we speak them. I remember being sick when I was a tiny girl and whispering, "Mother." Being scared and screaming, "Daddy!" Being anxious to share news with my first very best friend and yelling, "Syndentttle!"

I remember being breathlessly in firstlove and whispering, "James." It turned out to be my lastinglove, too.

I remember many, many times being amazed all over again that a succession of soft, little, squeezable boys I rocked were really ours and murmured, Bunny, Beaver, or Squirrel, each one my secret, special name for one of the boys when he and I carried on private conversations while his only contribution was still "Coo" or "Gurgle." I wish they could remember those sweet nobody-else-in-the-world times like I can. I've never even told them which secret name belongs to which boy. Sometimes I still use those names when I talk to God about a boy. And I have a secret name for my cute little daughter-in-law, too.

And there is, as the lovely song says, something about the name of Jesus — that name for the fleshman of God — that name I speak when I want to feel God is human and really knows about being a human.

And about that name, The Holy Spirit — which I say when I ask for His fruits, like patience.

And about that name, God — which I utter in varying degrees of intensity when things are bigger than human — like my favorite place, the Grand Canyon, or like death, or like life restored from threatened disaster.

But when I stop and think of each important name in my life, I'm aware it is not really the name or the sound of the name, after all — it's the one for whom the name stands. The beings, human and divine, in answering their names, are answering the needs of my life.

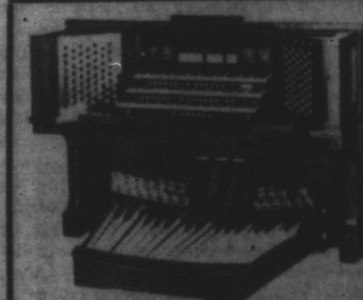
## Bible Conference At Water Valley

Second Church, Water Valley, will have a Bible Conference Mar. 22-26 at 7 each evening. Guest speakers are Rev. Clifford Rice, Campbell, Mo.; Rev. Jerry Miller, Dyersburg, Tenn.; and Rev. Sonny Simpson, Jackson. The pastor is Rev. Tommy Gerrish. Billy Johnson will lead the singing.

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### Hebron (Yazoo) Dedicates Organ

Hebron (Yazoo) dedicated a new church organ Sunday, February 1. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Selby and church organist, Mrs. Mary Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Selby gave the organ in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hilderbrand. Rev. Bill Hutto is the Hebron pastor.



### Tenth Anniversary At Ackerman Church

On February 1 the members of Ackerman Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Dan Thompson with a reception on their 10th Anniversary at Ackerman Church. They, in these 10 years, have done a great work in the ministry, at Ackerman Baptist Church. A member states, "They came to us when we were in a building program and since have led in a great way to the final completion of a beautiful house of worship. Their Christian love and concern for humanity reaches far beyond Ackerman Church; they bless the lives of many in their day by day ministry in the name of the Lord."

### Fellowship Calls BMC Student

Fellowship Church, Tippah County, has called the Rev. Dwight Massengill as pastor. Mr. Massengill was ordained on February 15 at his home church, Rienzi.



Rev. Joe Holcomb preached the ordination sermon. Dr. James L. Travis of the Blue Mountain College faculty and the Rev. Keith Putt, Rienzi pastor, were also on program.

A student at Blue Mountain College, Mr. Massengill served last summer as a student summer missionary in Niagara Falls, New York. While in New York, he was pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in downtown Niagara Falls, and established home Bible studies, as well as working with the Tuscarora Indians on the Indian Reservation.

### Correction

In the March 4 item detailing MONROVIA, Liberia, two important dates were wrong. The Providence Baptist Church building was erected in 1835 (not 1935) and Liberia's Declaration of Independence was signed in the church in 1847 (not 1947).



### Bicentennial Breakfast At Heuck's Retreat

WMU and Baptist Men of Heuck's Retreat Church (Lincoln) sponsored a Bicentennial Prayer Breakfast February 17, the beginning of many bicentennial activities planned there. Eighty people ate a hot breakfast of buttered biscuits, grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, jelly, coffee, and orange juice. Among those on program were Mrs. Cleve Terry, WMU director; Mrs. Jewell Smith, who spoke on "What our Country Means to All of Us"; and Steve Smith, one of the Baptist Men. The church had a great victory for the Lottie Moon Offering of 1975, giving \$1445 (the goal was \$1200). The week of prayer program was led by Mrs. Carl Hutson. Pictured above are the pastor, Rev. Victor Johnson, and Mrs. Cleve Terry, pointing out the Greek characters that symbolize "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour."

### Long Beach Opposes Horse Racing Bill

First Church, Long Beach has adopted a resolution in opposition to a bill that would permit race tracks and betting:

"WHEREAS, House Bill 479 would provide for pari-mutuel gambling with the establishment of horse racing in Mississippi on a local option basis, and

"WHEREAS, the location of race tracks in Mississippi and pari-mutuel wagering would allow the criminal element and a few others to make big money while other businesses suffer the economic drain to the gambling interests, and

"WHEREAS, the 2 1/2% provision earmarked for a fund for teachers' salaries is no guarantee that their salaries would be raised accordingly, and

"WHEREAS, the establishment of race track-wagering would introduce into any Mississippi county and community in unChristian influence among God's people, and

"WHEREAS, the establishment of pari-mutuel wagering would be a detriment to the attraction of family-type tourists into Mississippi and a hindrance to develop-

ment of a Christian tourist industry in our state, and

"THEREFORE, we the members of First Baptist Church, Long Beach, object to House Bill 479 and to the proposed establishment of race tracks and/or betting in Mississippi as a whole but in Harrison County in particular, and we pray that Christians throughout our beloved state will join us in voicing our object to this sinful and unChristian movement."



### Travis Teaches 15th Year At Hickory Flat

Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, has taught the annual Bible study at Hickory Flat Church for fifteen consecutive years. Mrs. F. A. Bowlin, Jr., WMU director, said, "Six pastors have come and gone, but every year God has blessed us by sending Dr. Travis back." Pictured at left are Dr. Travis and some of the



Hickory Flat members who attended the 1976 January Bible Study. Included are some who also attended the first study, 15 years ago. Pictured at right are Dr. Travis, Pastor J. D. Joslin, and four deacons, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Hudspeth, and Mr. Perkins. This year the Hickory Flat Church gave \$2573.12 to the Lottie Moon Offering.

## Devotional

### Faith That Works

By John E. Barnes, III, Pastor, Antioch, Prentiss

Romans 10:17

Are you hungry for a faith that is so powerful that it will produce definite results in you and in your surroundings? In his Word, God reveals the method by which each of his people can grow such a faith. The Scripture teaches, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

There are two words in the original language of the New Testament which are translated by our English word, "word." They are logos and rhema. Logos means all of the sayings of God. The Bible is logos; Jesus is logos. This word means all of God's revelation. But logos is not the word in our text. Rhema is the Greek word which is found here. This word, according to H. A. Ironside, means the individual sayings of God, either quoted or spoken.

Therefore, faith comes and grows when you hear yourself speaking the individual sayings of God. It is not enough for you to hear someone say, "All things work together for good for those who love God." Faith for you comes when you repeatedly speak the verse yourself.

Ephesians 6:17 instructs us to "take the... sword of the Spirit, which is the word (rhema) of God." The sword of the Spirit is your speaking parts of the Bible. Jesus used this sword when the devil tempted Him in the wilderness. Three times He answered, "It is written..." Jesus did not hold up his Bible at the devil; there is no power in that. He spoke individual sayings from the Bible which were needed for that occasion. That is rhema, and that is how faith grows.

In any area of your Christian life where you want to grow in faith, look through God's Word until you find specific promises which apply to your need. Memorize these promises so that you can quote them on a moment's notice. Repeat them all through each day. Your life will be transformed as you see your heart producing rock-hard faith where doubts once lingered.

## Revival Dates

Webb Church: March 14-19; services 7:30 p.m. during week nights and 11:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday; music under direction of Leon Bedsole, minister of music and youth, First Church, Biloxi; Rev. James F. Yates, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, evangelist; Mrs. G. D. Hightower, Jr., organist; Mrs. Jim Pennington, Jr., pianist; Rev. M. Lee Ferrell, pastor.

Petal - Harvey Church, Petal; March 7-12; Rev. Freddie McCoy, pastor of First Church, Helena, Ga., and graduate of Petal High School, evangelist; Tom Larimore of Jackson, music evangelist; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Halbert Heights Church, Brookhaven: March 8-13 services at 7:30 p.m. and March 14 at 11 a.m.; Rev. O. E. Thompson, full-time evangelist, preaching; Rev. John W. Farris, pastor.

Second Baptist Church, Edinola: March 14-19; services at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelist; (since the beginning of their ministry of full time evangelism, Tommy and Diane have conducted 126 revivals, 202 rallies, banquets and concerts. Tommy has preached a total of 924 times and there have been 6672 total decisions made with 2648 professions of faith); Doyle Cummings, pastor.

Laurel Hill Church (Neshoba): March 14-17; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Johnny Walker of York Alabama, Evangelist; Rev. E. C. Tucker, Pastor.

Ebenezer (Tate): youth - led revival; March 14-19, Rev. Gary Crowell, pastor at Tocowa, Courtland, evangelist; George Parker, singer; Mrs. George Parker and Mrs. Helen White, accompanists; Rev. Claude Lazenby, pastor; regular services Sunday; during week at 7:30 p.m.

First, Lumberton: March 21-28; Dr. Raleigh James of Kernersville, North Carolina, evangelist; Nan Grantham Church Music Department, MBCB, in charge of music; services at 10 a.m. weekdays and 7 p.m.; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. David Strebeck, pastor.

Pioneer Church, Woodville: March 12-14; weekend revival; Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Farrell McMorris, Crosby Church, evangelist; Rev. Houston Anglin, pastor.

Lakeview, Leland: March 18-21; 7 p.m.; Bobby Belew from Clarke College, evangelist; Tommy Kelley from Miss. Delta Junior College, singer; Bobby Whittington from Miss. Delta Junior College, pianist; Rev. Charles Everitt, pastor.

Bethany (Jeff Davis): March 14-19; at 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; regular times on Sunday; E. E. Fairchild, evangelist; Danny McDonald, musician; W. L. Ainsworth, pastor.

Jonestown Church: March 14-19; services at 7:30 p.m.; (part of Riverside Association's simultaneous revival effort); Wylie Heath, pastor of Southside, Lucedale, and president of the Student Body Association at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; special music nightly.

Darlove Church: March 21-26; Eternal Hill Singers in charge of services; Sunday at 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; Charles Laws, pastor.

New Sardis Church, Mt. Olive: March 14-19; Sun. night service, 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Don Blackwell, directing the music; Rev. Willie E. Johnson, pastor and evangelist.

### MC History Special To Be Televised

Mississippi College alumni and friends in the Hattiesburg area can view a special 30-minute film on the institution over television station WDM - Channel 7, on Sunday, March 14, from 4-4:30 p.m.

Entitled "Service to God and Mankind," the professionally done film traces the history of the college through its 150 years of operation. It is narrated by Dr. Howard E. Spell, former academic dean and professor of Bible at the college, who is now retired.

The color film, one of the college's Sesquicentennial promotions, captured several of the top



### Service To Humanity Awards

These seven women were presented "Service to Humanity" plaques by Mississippi College in recognition for their work in their chosen professions and to their communities. Front, left to right, are Mrs. Sam Peoples, Vicksburg, president of Hill City Oil Company; Miss Evelyn Gandy, lieutenant governor of the State of Mississippi; and Mrs. Sallie Brister, Clinton, guidance counselor at Clinton High School. Standing, left to right, are Miss Edwina Robinson, former executive-secretary of the Women's Missionary Union of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Mrs. William E. Hannah, Clinton, former state president of the Women's Missionary Union; Dr. Sarah Rouse, Clinton, chairman of the Division of Humanities at Mississippi College; and Mrs. Bea Quisenberry, Chamber of Commerce executive and former editor and publisher of the Clinton News. They were presented their awards during a special chapel program at the college and were honored at a reception immediately following. The awards are part of the college's celebration of its 150th anniversary year and 125th as a Baptist institution. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)



### Student Pastors' Wives Organize At BMC

Student Pastors' Wives, who with their husbands attend Blue Mountain College, have organized a club, "BMCPW's." Members at a recent meeting elected new officers. Left to right, front row: Gail Yow, wife of Jackie Yow, Walnut; Melody Hendricks, president of the club, wife of Clarence Hendricks, Nettleton; and Paulette Williams, wife of Larry Williams, Potts Camp. Second row, left to right: Gail Crawley, secretary of the club, wife of Willy Crawley, Phoebe; Sherry Putt, wife of Keith Putt, Rienzi; Tabatha Smith, wife of Jimmy Smith, Blue Mountain; and Jeanette Wilkerson, wife of Albert Wilkerson, Potts Camp.



### Subject Area 63 Winner

Calvary Baptist Church Waynesboro, led the state last year in awards in Subject Area 63, the Bible Teaching Program, with 384. The period was from Oct. 1, 1974 to Sept. 30, 1975. Larry Salter, left, consultant in the Sunday School Department, presents a certificate of the achievement to the Sunday School director, Arthur L. Nored, center, and the pastor, Rev. Bob Sanderson, right.



Mr. and Mrs. Nelson

### New Hope Honors Former Pastor

New Hope (Lawrence) recently honored one of its former pastors, Rev. Maxie C. Nelson, with an appreciation day. The occasion marked forty years of dedicated Christian ministry by a faithful servant.

Many friends, relatives, and former members of Nelson's churches shared special memories of his ministry. New Hope Church presented Mr. Nelson with a plaque.

He and Mrs. Nelson are living at Route 1, Tybertown. He is doing interim work and supply preaching.

Talmadge Smith is pastor of New Hope.

awards during recent competition and is being shown to civic and church groups all over the state. It is also being used by other television stations in the state.

### Tocowa Calls 18-Year-Old

Calvary Church, Batesville recently ordained Gary Wayne Crowell to the gospel ministry. After his ordination he became pastor of the Tocowa Church, Panola County.

Mike Stovall, interim pastor at Calvary, presided over the service. A quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shack-

elford, Stovall and Pam Flemmons, rendered special music. Jan Linder presented a solo in song.

J. D. Joslin, pastor of Hickory Flat, Benton County, former pastor of Calvary, presented the charge to Crowell. Melvin Crawley, pastor of Fairhaven, presented the charge to the church.

Rev. Gary Crowell, 18, is the son of William Boyce Crowell and Mrs. Gladys Crowell Davis, both of Batesville.

He accepted the call of Tocowa Church at the age of 17, shortly before his birthday. He is one of the youngest ministers in Panola Association.

One out of every two women 65 and over is a widow. One out of every seven men in that age group is a widower, says the Census Bureau.